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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A central unit for formatting and preparing numbers for display comprising:

 a microphone port adapted to receive information from a microphone;

 a display port adapted to interact with a display device;

 wherein the central unit receives microphone information from the microphone port and

 determines if the information includes numbers;

 if numbers are received, determines if the numbers include a telephone number or a non-telephone number;

 if a telephone number is received, ~~formats prepares~~ the telephone number for display using a predetermined telephone number format including at least one separation character;

wherein if the numbers include a non-telephone number, prepares the non-telephone number for display using a predetermined non-telephone number format including at least one separation character, the predetermined non-telephone number format is different from the predetermined telephone number format; and

 the telephone number includes at least one word command to assist in formatting preparing the telephone number for display.

2. (currently amended) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein ~~a second format is used to format a non-telephone number wherein the separation character comprises at least one of a dash, an underline, a period, and a space.~~

3. (original) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the central unit detects an actuation of a talk button and uses the actuation to insert a separation character.
4. (original) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the central unit detects at least one pause in the microphone information.
5. (original) The central unit according to claim 4, wherein the central unit inserts a separator character in a location corresponding to the pause.
6. (previously presented) The central unit according to claim 4, wherein the pause is determined if a period of relative silence equals or exceeds a preset duration or if the word command indicates the pause.
7. (original) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the microphone information includes groups of numbers and pauses separating the groups of numbers, and wherein the central unit converts the microphone information into a string of machine readable characters, and wherein the central unit places a separation character in a location corresponding to a pause.
8. (currently amended) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein the telephone number is formatted prepared for display using a predetermined telephone number format and any pause is disregarded.
9. (currently amended) The central unit according to claim 1, wherein ~~a second format is used to format a non-telephone number and the formatted a non-telephone number is prepared for display using a predetermined non-telephone number format including at least one separation character and is sent to the display port.~~

10. (currently amended) A method of formatting and preparing numbers for display comprising the steps of:

receiving microphone information from a microphone port;

determining if the microphone information includes words or a number[[s]] string including a plurality of unformatted digits;

determining if the number[[s]] string includes a telephone number;

if the number[[s]] string includes a telephone number, then formatting preparing the number string for display by dividing and separating the digits of the number string into at least two groups the number using a first format to produce a first formatted telephone number;

if the number[[s]] string does not include a telephone number, then formatting preparing the number string for display by dividing and separating the digits of the number string into at least two groups the number using a second format to produce a formatted non-telephone number; and

wherein the first format formatted telephone number is grouped differently than the second format-formatted non-telephone number.

11. (original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving information from a talk button and using the information to insert a separation character.

12. (original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of detecting at least one pause in the microphone information.

13. (original) The central unit according to claim 12, wherein a separator character is inserted in a location corresponding to the pause.

14. (original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the microphone information includes groups of numbers and pauses separating the groups of numbers, and wherein

the central unit converts the microphone information into a string of machine readable characters, and wherein the central unit places a separation character in a location corresponding to a pause.

15. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the telephone number is formatted prepare for display by dividing and separating the digits of the number string using a predetermined telephone number format and any pause is disregarded.

16. (currently amended) A motor vehicle comprising:

- a chassis,
- at least one wheel adapted to contact a driving surface;
- an interior comprising a steering wheel, a dashboard and a driver's seat;
- a hands free telephone (HFT) system comprising a microphone disposed in a headliner, at least one HFT control disposed on the steering wheel, and a display,
 - wherein the HFT system receives a dictated string of information, formats prepares the information for display by dividing and separating the information into at least two groups and displays the information, and
 - wherein the HFT system applies divides and separates a first format to a first type of information into a first set of groups and applies divides and separates a second format to a second type of information into a second set of groups, the first set of groups being different from the second set of groups.

17. (original) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the first type of information is a telephone number.

18. (original) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the HFT system is capable of detecting pauses in the string of information.

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19. (currently amended) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the HFT system uses a pause in the string of information for the second set of groups format and inserts a separation character in a location corresponding to the pause.
20. (original) The motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the HFT system displays formatted information.